

## CLAIMS

I claim:

- 5        1. (currently amended) A protective guard designed to aid golfers by protecting golf club heads from abrasions from miss-hits in the course of being used, preserving the looks and value of said club comprising: a vinyl material with an adhesive layer having an opposite, non-adhesive side; a split backing layer fixedly attached to said non-adhesive side of said adhesive layer and shaped with a cut away contour, V-shaped notches; wherein said protective guard is of a size that is adaptable to be adjusted to fit the contour and wrap the top line area of all size heads of said golf clubs.
- 10        2. (original) The protective guard of claim 1 wherein said protective guard is transparent.
- 15        3. (cancelled)
4. (currently amended) The protective guard of claim 1 wherein vinyl material that provides an abrasion resistant and deflective quality.
- 20        5. (original) The protective guard of claim 4 wherein said vinyl material preferably has a thickness in the range of 4 to 5 mil.
6. (cancelled)
- 25        7. (currently amended) The protective guard of claim 1 wherein said V-shaped notches adapted to prevent bunching and potential lifting of said protective guard when applied to the head of a golf club.
8. (currently amended) The protective guard of claim 1 wherein said cut away contour designed to fit around the hosel of the club and follow all the lines of a golf club head.
9. (cancelled)
- 30        10. (original) The protective guard of claim 1 wherein said adhesive material is of a nature that is durable while allowing easy removal with little to no residue.
11. (currently amended) A method of attaching a protective guard to a golf club head comprising the steps of:

- a) providing a protective guard of a design that can be cut down to fit the head of any golf club size; and still fitting the contours of said golf club head;
- 5 b) measure the protective guard against club head to determine proper size 3/16 short of toe of club head.
- c) align said protective guard with cutout that has laid at the base of hosel, with said v shaped notches aligned with the top of the face to assure maximum protection;
- 10 d) remove first half of backing layer on said protective guard to expose adhesive layer disposed under said backing, and lay protective guard against top line of said club head only, starting at the club hosel; hereby allowing adjustment of said protective guard without needing to touch said adhesive side;
- e) attach said protective guard to first half of said top of said club head, preferably using the thumb to press said protective guard on to top of said club head, working from the center to said cutout so as to work out any potential air bubbles;
- 15 f) remove remaining backing and repeat the previous step, working from the center to said toe of the club head to attach the remaining portion of said protective guard to said top of said club head; and
- 20 g) using the same technique as noted in step a – f work from said top line to the lower edge of said club head and press the remaining portion of said protective guard to said face of said club head.
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